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ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE STILL LIVES.

Word's Masonic Congress at St. Louis Settles Dispute of Territory Jurisdiction.

Cimeter Special

In company with Grand Master J. C. Johnson, W. H. Twine Jr., and others, we left Muskogee on the World's Fair Special, Monday morning, for St. Louis. Arriving here at 6 p. m. we began to look up the Indian Territory contingent. We found Masons from over the World here in attendance to the Masonic Congress. The war of Jurisdiction in the B. I. T. took up more time of the Congress than any other single subject. Every man was hard at work from the day of arrival until the close of congress; Frank Reed worked in his peculiar way, Past Gr. Masters Fitzpatrick and Bell were untiring in their efforts, Past G. S. Wiggins and G. M. Johnson were always hot on the trail of the enemy, McBeth had been in camp some days and was not idle, and the old man was there also.

The result is: That St. John's Grand Lodge of which J. C. Johnson is G. M., still lives and will continue to exist. The resolutions and recommendations will be printed in our next issue. Our boy conducted themselves as on the representatives of the B. I. T. can, and have won the confidence and esteem of all whom they came in contact.

Tomorrow will be spent seeing Asia and down on the pike and elsewhere, after which the "old guard" will turn their faces westward and "Home, Sweet Home."

Wilay Jones, the Muskogee financier staid with the gang from start to finish, as also were Morris Stephens, Buster Hawkins and others from the B. I. T.—Ed.

STRONG MAN NEEDED.

In looking thru the city and summing up the push and thrift of our people from a business and racial view point, the Comet man is caused to wonder why that beautiful structure started by the First Baptist people is not finished. We have reached this conclusion, viz: that no people or organization can go forward to success without a leader.

There must be one man in the lead. When Moses went to the Lord complaining that the task was too great for him the Lord helped him by planning the appointment of leaders over thousands, hundreds, fifties and so forth, but Moses was leader of them ALL. So in this case strong leadership seems to be the greatest need.

The man needed is one who the people and has the interest

of the church at heart. One who choose to sit on the "Rule or Ruin" corner, one who is not so much of a fire eating Baptist that he can not carry anybody save the members enrolled; in fact, a man who can draw on the whole town is the man needed to complete that church.

Let the church seek the man, or he who seeks the church is seeking for self benefit and will never do much for its good. The man who puts in a bid for the privilege of serving in God's house is one who will turn it into the service of satan. Turn the bidders aside and appoint the leaders to seek the man needed for the place and when he is found let the church call him, and the people's call will be God's call.

The church needs a pastor and manager more than it does a preacher.

From a dogmatic standpoint the Comet man lives on the opposite side of the fence but he cares not for that. He is interested in the progress of the race regardless to their different religious views.

How about the re-election of Rev. J. M. Dade to this pastorate? He knows the people and he is known in the business world and can be trusted.

We shall keep our ears opened to hear what the spirits say.—Comet.

The Dreamer's Dream.

With many a furrowed trace of life's wind-fretted deep.
Here lies a common face—an aged man asleep.
Just off the dusty way whereon the sun-glare breaks,
Amid the drowse of day, a casual nap he takes.

Only a poor old man; yet whence, through all disguise
Of years of toil and tan, steal over his closed eyes
These gleams, soft as a kiss, which to the face impart
A beauty and a bliss—the youthtime of the heart?

By magic race and blest the scars have been annealed;
The waves are all at rest; an inner peace revealed,
That lends each furrowed trace of life's wind-fretted deep
A tender, childlike grace—on this old man asleep.

Life's Little Inconsistencies.

"Yes," said the fashionable doctor, as he wrote out a prescription, "you have told me your symptoms and I see you are troubled with acute nervousness."

"O!" wailed the fair patient, "every little noise makes me jump, every time a door creaks I start like a person in danger. By the way, Dr. H. charge, I'm going to take my motor car out for a spin; I always run the machine myself, you know. If you jump in I'll leave you right at your door."

Still explaining the sad condition of her nerves she drove the auto down the avenue at a rattling clip. In and out of the tangle of vehicles the jolting juggernaut flew at twenty miles an hour.

The nervous wreck put on brakes and glanced casually at the mounted police who were galloping far behind. The pale-faced physician gasped.

"Here's your house," said his patient sweetly. "I hope your prescription will calm my poor, weak nerves."
—New York Sun.

VOTES THANKS TO THE POPE.

Western Negro Press Association Elects Officers at Guthrie.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 4.—The Western Negro Press Association, comprising about fifteen states, concluding its day's session here this evening with the election of Nick Chiles, of Topeka, Kas., president for another term, and W. H. Duncan, of Colorado Springs, secretary.

Resolutions returning thanks to his holiness, Pope Pius X., for his expressions of sympathy in response to the leader sent by the Press Association in 1903, were passed. In closing, the resolution states that since the Catholic church has taken such a bold and helpful stand against the outrages perpetrated against our race, we respectfully request protestants bodies of this country to take similar action."

A copy of the resolutions is to be forwarded to the pope, and another to cardinal Gibbons, at Baltimore.

Emphatic endorsement is also made of President Roosevelt, Booker T. Washington and joint statehood for Oklahoma and the Indian Territory.

Chessie McIntosh, superintendent of schools for the Creek Nation, informed a reporter recently, that the work of establishing neighborhood schools and appointing teachers therefore, was progressive as well as could be expected.

"The Creek Nation will be entitled to and will have 45 additional schools this year, owing to the fact that the appropriation made by congress for school purposes will be available," said Mr. McIntosh, "and of this number thirty will be for white children and fifteen for the colored."

"How many of these schools have so far been located?" was asked, to which the superintendent replied:

"Nineteen of these for the whites have been located and seven or eight of those for the colored. It is necessary that the schools be established where they will do the most good to the greatest number, and consequently we cannot rush the work. In regard to the teachers, the most of them have been appointed for the schools already located."

It is reported that the work will be completed in about two weeks.

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